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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 18

**48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007**

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO  
ALLOW VOTERS IN THE ALBUQUERQUE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT TO  
CHOOSE TO HAVE A LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD COMPOSED OF FOUR MEMBERS  
ELECTED FROM SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS AND THREE MEMBERS  
APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR OF ALBUQUERQUE AND CONFIRMED BY THE CITY  
COUNCIL; REPEALING A SECTION OF THE CONSTITUTION THAT WOULD  
ALLOW SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND  
RESIDENTS TO HAVE A SEVEN-MEMBER BOARD ELECTED FROM SINGLE-  
MEMBER DISTRICTS.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. It is proposed to amend Article 12 of the  
constitution of New Mexico by enacting a new section to read:

"A. In the Albuquerque public school district, the  
qualified electors of the district may choose to have a local

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1 school board composed of seven members, four of whom shall be  
2 residents of and elected from single-member districts and three  
3 of whom shall be residents of the school district and appointed  
4 by the mayor of Albuquerque, and confirmed by the city council.

5 B. In the first general election following the  
6 adoption of this provision by the people, the question shall be  
7 put to the qualified electors of the Albuquerque public school  
8 district of whether to have a seven-member local school board  
9 with four members elected from single-member districts and  
10 three members appointed by the mayor of Albuquerque, and  
11 confirmed by the city council. If, at the election, the  
12 question is not adopted, then, in the next succeeding general  
13 election, the question shall again be put to the qualified  
14 electors of the school district. If the question is not  
15 adopted at the general election, the proposal shall not again  
16 be presented to the qualified electors of the school district.

17 C. If, in an election held pursuant to Subsection B  
18 of this section, the voters of the Albuquerque public school  
19 district approve of a local school board with four elected  
20 members and three appointed members, the four elected members  
21 shall be elected in the first regular school district election  
22 held after the July 1 following the approval by the voters. On  
23 the March 1 following the regular school election, the terms of  
24 the seven current board members shall expire and the terms of  
25 the four elected and three appointed members shall commence.

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